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## **PRESS**

**KALW, NPR-affiliate** (Wendy Holcombe) [received 7/17] – OPEN – Producer is putting together a show for 7/23 on the Bayview/Hunters Point Shipyard cleanup and development and has asked if someone from EPA would be able to join the panel discussion. Asked producer for details, waiting to hear back. SFD, NorCal, Michele Huitric

**CurbedSF** (Chris Roberts) [Received 7/17] – OPEN – Reporter has questions regarding storm/sewer lines at Parcel A-1 of the former Navy shipyard at Hunters Point. Working with program on response. SFD. NorCal. Michele Huitric

**SF Chronicle** (Jason Fagone, Cynthia Dizikes) [Received 7/16] – OPEN – Reporters are writing a story about HPNS Building 606. They have a follow-up question about EPA's Building 606 fact sheet. Working with program. SFD, NorCal, Michele Huitric

SF Chronicle (Erin Stone) [Received 7/3] – OPEN – Reporter is working on a story about recovery efforts after the October 2017 Northern California fires and wants to include mention of EPA's role. Working with program on response. SFD, NorCal, Michele Huitric

**Hoodline Oakland** (Scott Morris) [Received 6/12] – CLOSED – Reporter would like an update on AMCO site cleanup. Provided written response. SFD, NorCal, Michele Huitric

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Social Media:

**Small Water Treatment Systems** – Posted to our <u>Twitter</u> page about our monthly webinars and linked to our <u>Small</u> Systems Monthly Webinar Series page.

## Web Updates:

Northern Mariana Islands – Added new documents to our <u>Cleaning up the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana</u> Islands (CNMI) – A Remedial Action Plan to Manage and Treat Unexploded Ordnance site.

**Waste Tool** – Completed routine updates to our <u>Managing and Transforming Waste Streams: A Tool for Communities</u> site.

## **CONGRESSIONAL & INTERGOVERNMENTAL**

**Rep. Tulsi Gabbard (HI)** – Staffer Kirsten Turner had follow up questions following a call with Alexis Strauss on Friday in relation to the Hawaii State SRF. WTR's Doug Eberhardt spoke further with the staffer and provided a breakdown of the Hawaii SRF dollar number and in specific, the total amount provided, current unspent funds, and what reporting HDOH is required to do.

**Rep. Nanette Barragan (D-CA-44):** Brent Maier received a request from Morgan Roth, Deputy District Director in the Office of Congresswoman Nanette Diaz Barragán asking for a breakdown of how many Superfund or National Priorities List (NPL) Sites there are in the 44<sup>th</sup> Congressional District. Brent let Morgan know that there are three (3) and they are Cooper Drum Co.; Jervis B. Webb Co.; Southern Avenue Industrial Ave. Brent provided the street address for each Site that Morgan asked for as well as a link to more information for each of the three Sites.

Cooper Drum Co. located at 9316 Atlantic Ave., South Gate, CA 90280

https://cumulis.epa.gov/supercpad/cursites/csitinfo.cfm?id=0903253; Jervis B. Webb Co. located at 9301 Rayo Ave. and 5030 Firestone Blvd., South Gate, CA 90280; and Southern Avenue Industrial Ave. located at 5211 Southern Ave., South Gate, CA 90280 https://cumulis.epa.gov/supercpad/cursites/csitinfo.cfm?id=0905902.

San Diego County Water Authority: EPA HQ WIFIA staff joined Office of Intergovernmental Relations (OIR) and Region 9 in a meeting with Bob Yamada, Water Resources Director, San Diego County Water Authority, to discuss the Authority's plan to submit a "Letter of Interest" for WIFIA financing. They are seeking financing assistance for a new intake structure serving the Claude "Bud" Lewis Carlsbad Desalination Plant in Carlsbad, CA. The Water Authority sustains a \$220 billion region economy and the quality of life for 3/3 million residents through a multi-decade water supply diversification plan, major infrastructure investments and forward-thinking policies that promote fiscal and environmental responsibility. A public agency created in 1944, the Water Authority delivers a safe and reliable wholesale water supply at an affordable cost to 24 retail water agencies, including cities, special districts and a military base. Water Division's Doug Eberhardt and Roger Gorke along with Brent Maier participated in this meeting via conference call.

Mayor of Phoenix Thelda Williams: Brent Maier received a note from Sina Matthes in the Office of Mayor Thelda Williams to let us know that she should know if the next day or so whether it's possible to schedule a meeting between Regional Administrator Mike Stoker who will be in Phoenix on Tuesday, August 21<sup>st</sup> and Mayor Thelda Williams for either 9:00am or 10:00am on Tuesday, August 21<sup>st</sup>. Sina is attempting to reschedule some other meetings on the Mayor's calendar to accommodate a meeting with Regional Administrator Mike Stoker.

Tomorrow – Wednesday, July 18, 2018 - EPA HQ FY 2020 Budget Forum: EPA HQ will convene a EPA FY 2020 Budget Forum at EPA headquarters, with a scheduled session for Local, State, and Tribal leaders on Wednesday, July 18, 1:00pm – 4:30pm. The meeting will focus on strategies for achieving results in selected priority areas guided by discussion questions. EPA's senior leadership council will expand conversation to include leadership representatives from the Environmental Council of States, National Tribal Caucus Executive Committee, the Local Government Advisory Committee, the National Association of State Departments of Agriculture, and the Association of State and Territorial Health Officials. OCIR Contact: Demond Matthews

**Tomorrow – Wednesday, July 18, 2018 - House Oversight and Government Affairs Committee:** The Subcommittee on Intergovernmental Affairs is holding a July 18<sup>th</sup> hearing on "regulatory divergence," part of a long-standing GOP push to pare back regulations from EPA and other agencies they see as duplicative or contradictory. https://docs.house.gov/Committee/Calendar/ByEvent.aspx?EventID=108570

Tomorrow – Wednesday, July 18, 2018 - House Science Committee: The Committee has scheduled a July 18<sup>th</sup> hearing to mark up a slate of bills including a draft "Chemical Assessment Improvement Act" that would shift EPA's risk assessments from the Integrated Risk Information System (IRIS) office to program offices as well as making other administrative changes to the process. Republicans have long sought to overhaul IRIS, including recently pushing to consolidate it into the agency's toxics office. <a href="https://science.house.gov/legislation/markups/full-committee-markup-5">https://science.house.gov/legislation/markups/full-committee-markup-5</a>

Tomorrow – Wednesday, July 18, 2018 - Senate Homeland Security and Government Affairs Committee: The Government Affairs Committee is holding a July 18<sup>th</sup> hearing on the Trump administration's plan to reorganize the federal government. While the reorganization would largely leave EPA untouched -- instead calling for more study of how the agency's operations should be changed -- it includes consolidating some cleanup programs at EPA currently based at other departments. <a href="https://www.hsgac.senate.gov/hearings/reviewing-the-administrations-government-reorganization-proposal">https://www.hsgac.senate.gov/hearings/reviewing-the-administrations-government-reorganization-proposal</a>

## <u>Upcoming Congressional Meetings, Hearings, Intergovernmental Meetings and Events:</u>

Thursday, July 19, 2018 - Senate Environment and Public Works Committee: The Committee is holding a July 19<sup>th</sup> confirmation hearing to consider President Donald Trump's nomination of Mary Bridge Neumayr, the acting chair of the White House Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ), to take up that role on a permanent basis. Neumayr has been in her acting role since March 2017, and has overseen the withdrawal of the Obama administration's guidance for how to consider greenhouse gases in National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) reviews, as well as a still-in-progress rewrite of NEPA implementing rules. <a href="https://www.epw.senate.gov/public/index.cfm/hearings?ID=86776CF3-5979-4B41-823B-79672B6F8706">https://www.epw.senate.gov/public/index.cfm/hearings?ID=86776CF3-5979-4B41-823B-79672B6F8706</a>

**Thursday – Friday, July 19 – 21, 2018 - National Governors' Association Annual Meeting:** The National Governors' Association will host their annual meeting in Santa Fe, NM July 19-21. One session will focus on state leadership in US infrastructure investment. At the close of the meeting, Governor Steve Bullock of Montana will take over as NGA Chair. OCIR Contact: Becky Cook-Shyovitz

Monday – Thursday, July 30 – August 2, 2018 - National Conference of State Legislators Annual Summit: The National Conference of State Legislators will host their annual summit in Los Angeles July 30-August 2. The Natural Resources and Infrastructure committee will meet to consider policy directives and resolutions. Other sessions will focus on ethanol fuels, CAFÉ standards, and drinking water safety. OCIR Contact: Becky Cook-Shyovitz

Monday – Tuesday, July 30 – 31, 2018 – Rep. Tom O'Halleran (D-AZ-1): As part of a 2 week "RV-tour" by Representative Tom O'Halleran, his office has requested USEPA participation in a mine site visit of Claim 28 abandoned uranium mine in Blue Gap/Tachee chapter of Navajo Nation. Jack Jackson, Tribal Engagement Representative for the Congressman has proposed the following itinerary: July 30 (evening) – Holiday Inn, Chinle AZ – Dinner and Presentation of US EPA work on Navajo Nation AUM CERCLA work (inclusive of discussion); July 31 (morning) – Blue Gap/Tachee Chapter House, AZ - Meet at chapter house, introductions and statements; Drive to Claim 28 mine: view and discuss mine, possible tour of UNM mobile lab; Return and conclude. Invitees will/may include: Dine Uranium Remediation Advisory Commissioner Sarafina Nez; Navajo Nation Council Speaker; Navajo Nation Council Delegate Kee Allen Begay, Jr.; Chapter President Aaron Yazzie; Phase 1 Trustee, Sadie Hoskie; Phase 2 RSE Trustee, Derrith Watchman-Moore; US EPA; Navajo Nation EPA; and Navajo Nation Abandoned Mine Lands Program. SFD Lead: Freyja Knapp